

LIVE WASHINGTON TOPICS.

AN ACCUMULATION OF DECORATIONS AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

Secretary Gresham Wants Legislation. The State Department is now in receipt of a large number of decorations, medals, and other awards, which have been presented to the various branches of the government by the various nations for one reason or another, and which cannot be accepted without the consent of Congress. Secretary Gresham has had them overhauled, and has sent to Mr. Morgan and Mr. McCready, the Chairman of the two foreign committees, a communication requesting them to introduce and secure the passage of a bill granting permission to all the officers involved to accept these much-cherished compliments. But neither of the Committees is enthusiastic in its endorsement of the proposition. Mr. Morgan does not say what he is going to do. Mr. McCready says that he will introduce a bill "by request," but does not promise to report it favorably or support it either in the committee or in the House.

It does not, therefore, look very encouraging for the gentlemen who desire to wear their decorations, and they will have to do a good deal of lobbying to get the necessary permission. The list is a long one, covering ten pages of typewritten folio. Among other decorations are those of the Duke of Orleans, who has been made a Knight of the Legion of Honor by the French government, and the Duke of Orleans, who has been made a Knight of the Legion of Honor by the French government, and the Duke of Orleans, who has been made a Knight of the Legion of Honor by the French government.

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THE HAWAIIAN INVESTIGATION.

Commander Jewell Tells About the Landing of Troops Twenty Years Ago.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The intention of the House committee investigating Hawaiian affairs to examine Lieutenant Commander Swinhoe this morning, but owing to illness that officer was unable to be present. Senators Morgan and Fry were the only members of the committee present at the opening of the session, Mr. Gray having gone to Wilmington. Subsequently Mr. Butler made his appearance.

Commander Jewell was on the witness stand for an hour or more, but none of his testimony had to do with the overthrow of the Queen or the establishment of the Provisional Government. It had to do with a hearing, however, upon a point of honor, and the committee was much interested in the testimony.

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THOUSANDS OUT ON SKATES.

VAN CORTLANDT PARK TAKE THROUGHS ALL DAY YESTERDAY.

New York's Skating Blood was Up, and Young and Old Mixed in the Masses of Humanity that Took Advantage of the More Chance to Ice in the Sport.

It was remarkable that a little, what a very little, touch of frost weather it is to be the New York skating blood to the surface.

The speaker stood on the platform of a New York and Northern train bound for Van Cortlandt Lake yesterday afternoon, together with twice as many people as the platform could reasonably be expected to hold.

It was a day to put any one in good humor—a perfect skating day. The sun shone out a cloudless sky as brilliantly as if it were reflected through a atmosphere of ice.

Father Winter had given invitations to a big skating party, and every one who had accepted did so with the firm intention of forgetting everything else and having a good old-time lark.

Probably the largest deputation of guests that was which disembarked from the train that reached the park at about half past 2.

So eager was the crowd to get on the ice that the short distance from the station to the lake was covered in brief time. It looked like a free-for-all race.

There is this to be said about skating. If you are a skater, you will never forget it, and having once skated you will never again see other people on the steel runners without being seized with a mad desire to do likewise with the least possible delay.

Another instance of the fatal passion for this form of recreation was shown by a young man who had been skating for some time, and who was skating very well.

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IN A MANNER APPARENTLY IRRECONCILABLE WITH THE LAWS OF ANATOMY, ONLY TO ARISE WITH A CHEERFUL SMILE AND AN EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE.

THE POLICE FURNISH A LIST OF SEVEN MISSING, AND A QUEEN'S COUNTY FACTORY SUPERINTENDENT ADDS EIGHTEN MORE.

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SEARCHING NEWTON CREEK.

TWO BODIES FOUND AND EIGHTEEN PERSONS MISSING.

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